

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of displaying media information, comprising:
generating a three-dimensional image using a graphics processing unit, the three-dimensional image consisting essentially of two display surfaces, the three-dimensional image having an axis of rotation, the three-dimensional image including a first display surface that is an Electronic Program Guide guide (EPG) surface having a first edge connected to the axis of rotation and a second display surface that is a Personal Video Recorder (PVR) Guide surface having a second edge connected to the single axis of rotation, the first display surface and the second display surface being orthogonal to each other; and

in response to a user input, the graphics processing unit rotating said three-dimensional image about said axis with the degree of rotation being selectable according to said user input to permit a user to select a face-on view of one of said display surfaces while maintaining a partial view of the other display surface to provide contextual information to facilitate a user navigating between EPG information and PVR information;

the EPG surface displaying information for a plurality of television channels;

the PVR guide surface providing PVR information for a plurality of video files.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein in response to a user input, one of said display surfaces is rotated into a face-on view while maintaining a partial view of the other planar surface.

3-6. (cancelled)

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said display surface is moved into a face-on view, the method further comprising:

displaying objects representing drawers on said second display surface;
responsive to a user input requesting information for a selected drawer,
opening said selected drawer orthogonally to said second display surface and displaying information describing stored video files associated with said selected drawer.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, wherein said displaying information describing stored video files comprises:
displaying at least one picture.

9. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said displaying information describing stored video files comprises:

playing at least one audio file.

10. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said displaying information comprises: revealing at least one data pop-up configured for a user to obtain additional information for at least one stored video file.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said at least one data pop-up is a polyhedron having a media thumbnail associated with at least one face of the polyhedron.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

rotating said pop-up to reveal a thumbnail of said polyhedron disposed on a face of said polyhedron that is initially hidden from view.

13. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said data pop-up is a cube having media thumbnails associated with faces of the cube.

14. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said media thumbnail is selected from the group consisting of: an audio thumbnail, a still picture, and a video clip.

15-60. (cancelled)

61. (currently amended) A media system, comprising:

a personal computer having a central processing unit;

a graphics processing unit receiving commands ~~from~~ from the central processing unit to generate three-dimensional images for display;

a tuner box to permit a user to input commands to the personal computer via a remote control;

the system having a mode of operation in which said system generates a three-dimensional image consisting essentially of two display surfaces, the three-dimensional image having an axis of rotation, the three-dimensional image including a first display surface that is an Electronic Program Guide ~~guide~~ (EPG) surface having a first edge connected to the axis of rotation and a second display surface that is a Personal Video Recorder (PVR) Guide surface

having a second edge connected to the single axis of rotation, the first display surface and the second display surface being orthogonal to each other; and

in response to a user input, rotating said three-dimensional image about said axis with the degree of rotation being selectable according to said user input to permit a user to select a face-on view of one of said display surfaces while maintaining a partial view of the other display surface to provide contextual information to facilitate a user navigating between EPG information and PVR information;

the EPG surface displaying information for a plurality of television channels;

the PVR guide surface providing PVR information for a plurality of video files.

62. (currently amended) A computer readable medium storing computer executable instructions to cause a media system having a personal computer including a graphics processing unit to:

generate a three-dimensional image using the graphics processing unit, the three-dimensional image consisting essentially of two display surfaces, the three-dimensional image having an axis of rotation, the three-dimensional image including a first display surface that is an Electronic Program Guide guide (EPG) surface having a first edge connected to the axis of rotation and a second display surface that is a Personal Video Recorder (PVR) Guide surface having a second edge connected to the single axis of rotation, the first display surface and the second display surface being orthogonal to each other; and

in response to a user input, the graphics processing unit rotating rotate said three-dimensional image about said axis with the degree of rotation being selectable according to said user input to permit a user to select a face-on view of one of said display surfaces while maintaining a partial view of the other display surface to provide contextual information to facilitate a user navigating between EPG information and PVR information;

the EPG surface displaying information for a plurality of television channels;

the PVR guide surface providing PVR information for a plurality of video files.

63. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the PVR guide surface organizes the plurality of video files according to a plurality of content categories.

64. (new) The system of claim 61, wherein the PVR guide surface organizes the plurality of video files according to a plurality of content categories.